

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A television receiver to which plural external devices are respectively connected through IEEE1394 lines and analog lines, comprising:

a command transmission ~~means for transmitting plural~~ unit able to transmit a plurality of transmission commands, each having different characteristics, ~~to for~~ the respective external devices, ~~to the respective external devices~~ through the IEEE1394 lines ~~connected to the external devices~~; and

a switching control ~~means unit for discriminating monitoring the analog lines connected to each of the external devices, respectively, an analog line which is used~~ for transmission of response commands that are outputted from the respective external devices in response to the respective transmission commands, and for automatically selecting either the IEEE1394 lines or the analog lines ~~which are used by the respective external devices, according to the operations for communicating with~~ of the respective external devices based on such response commands from the external devices.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A television receiver as defined in Claim 2 wherein said transmission command is power-on or power-off to the external devices, or repetition

thereof; and

said command transmission ~~means~~ unit transmits transmission commands having different on-times for the respective external devices or different numbers of on/off controls for the respective external devices.

5. (Original) A television receiver as defined in Claim 2 wherein said terminals to which the respective analog lines are connected are analog video signal input terminals or analog audio signal input terminals.

6. (Currently Amended) A television receiver as defined in Claim 5 wherein said switching control ~~means~~ unit monitors the DC levels at the analog video signal input terminals or the analog audio signal input terminals to ~~discriminate~~ monitor the analog lines.

7. Canceled.

8. Canceled.

9. (Currently Amended) A television receiver to which plural external devices are respectively connected through IEEE1394 lines and digital lines, comprising:

a command transmission ~~means~~ unit for transmitting plural transmission commands each having different characteristics ~~for to~~ the respective external devices, ~~to the respective external devices~~ through the IEEE1394 lines connected to the external devices; and

a switching control ~~means~~ unit for discriminating monitoring the digital lines connected to each respective external device ~~a digital line which is used~~ for transmission of response commands that are outputted from the respective external devices in response to ~~the~~ respective transmission commands, and for selecting either the IEEE1394 lines or the digital lines which are used by to communicate with each of the respective external devices, according to the operations of the respective external devices based on such response commands from the external devices.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A television receiver as defined in Claim 9 wherein said transmission command is power-on or power-off to the external devices, or repetition thereof; and

said command transmission ~~means~~ unit transmits transmission commands having different on-times for the respective external devices or different numbers of on/off controls for the respective external devices.

12.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A television receiver as defined in Claim 9 wherein the terminals to which the respective digital line are connected are HDMI terminal.

18. (Currently Amended) A television receiver as defined in Claim 17 wherein said switching control ~~means~~ unit monitors the DC levels of the HDMI terminals to discriminate the digital lines.

19. (Currently Amended) A television receiver as defined in Claim 17 wherein
said command transmission ~~means~~ unit transmits ~~transmit~~ the transmission commands through the IEEE1394 lines to the external devices; and
said switching control ~~means~~ unit monitors signal levels of device control signals which are outputted from the external devices in response to the transmission commands or response commands of the device control signals, to discriminate the digital lines.